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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker,


I am writing today on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to respectfully request that the House of Representatives take up S. 125, the "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Reauthorization Act," on the House floor.

The Senate passed S. 125 by unanimous consent almost one year ago and this morning, the House Committee on the Judiciary passed the bill on a voice vote without amendment. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) grant program provides matching Federal funds to State and local law enforcement agencies allowing them to purchase or upgrade the soft body armor worn by their officers. More than one million vests have been bought through this program which has greatly increased the safety of officers on the beat. This program is and always has been bipartisan and we believe a huge majority of the House will vote in support and send the bill to the President.

You voted in favor of a bill reauthorizing this program in 2008 and I know you and your office was of great help to the FOP in getting this bill through the Judiciary Committee today. Your leadership and long-time support of our nation's law enforcement has not gone unrecognized and I hope that the House will consider this legislation expeditiously.

On behalf of more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I want to thank you for your leadership and support for this critical officer safety legislation. If I can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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